

PROVIDERS OF ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES, SHALL DEVELOP A STANDARD ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SERVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SERVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS TO INFORM POTENTIAL CONSUMERS ABOUT THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM IN ORDER TO ASSIST A CONSUMER IN CHOOSING THE MOST APPROPRIATE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM.

(C) (1) AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM, AS PART OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE, SHALL FILE WITH THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SERVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) IF AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM CHANGES THE SERVICES REPORTED ON THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SERVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SHALL FILE WITH THE OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY AN AMENDED ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SERVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE CHANGE IN SERVICES.

(D) (1) IF AN INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS A COPY OF AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM'S SERVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SERVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE REQUEST.

(2) AN ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE SERVICES DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TO INDIVIDUALS AS PART OF THE PROGRAM'S MARKETING MATERIALS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in coordination with the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted-Living Facilities, the Department of Aging, providers, advocates, and other State and local stakeholders, shall develop a process to educate consumers regarding the assisted living program services disclosure statement; and

(b) On or before December 30, 2007, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) The number of requests received from consumers for the assisted living program services disclosure statement;

(2) The resources required to make the assisted living program services disclosure statement available on-line; and

(3) The process to educate consumers developed under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006.